

Ageing and Disability Commission Northern Sydney Region

Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney, Northern Beaches, Ryde, Willoughby and The Hills Shire

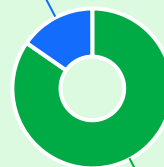


The Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) received 1172 reports of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older person or adult with disability from the **Northern Sydney** region in 2019-2024*.

85%

of reports received in this region
related to an older person*

180 reports



992 reports

● Older person ● Adult with disability

Of reports relating
to **adults with
disability***

53%

were female



Of reports relating to
older people*

68%

were female



55% of reports about adults with
disability were made by a **paid
worker**^



32% of reports came from the
child of the older person

27% of reports about **older people**
came from a **paid worker**^

15% of reports came from the
older person experiencing abuse



4 reports were about an
adult who identified as
Aboriginal or
Torres Strait Islander~



125 reports involved an adult
who spoke a language other
than English at home with
Italian being the most
common language reported

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* Information taken from the Ageing and Disability Commission data on reports received between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 where the location of the adult identified in the report was known.

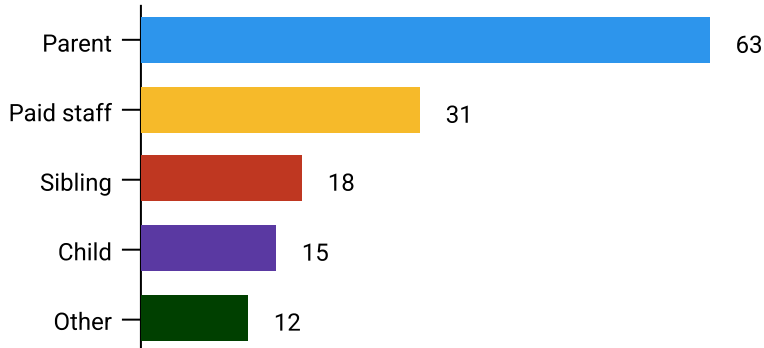
^ Paid workers include people acting in a professional capacity, for example direct care staff, service workers and health providers.

~ People who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and who are over 18 with disability, or an older person 50+.

The ADC is currently working on improving our data collection to support reporting on gender identity

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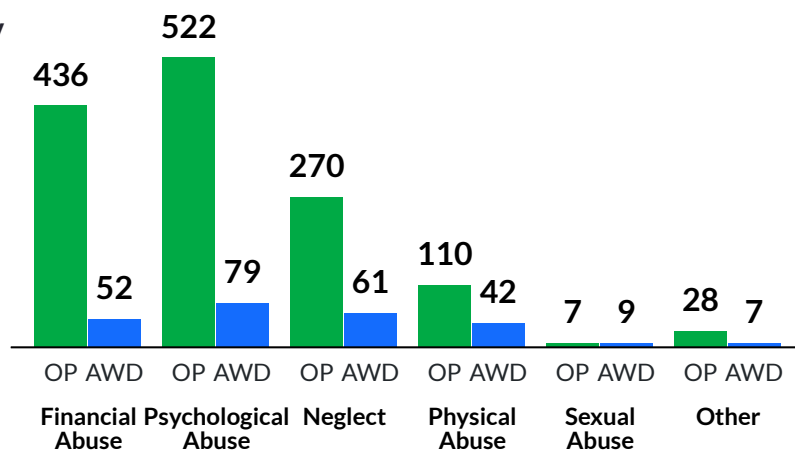
Reports about adults with disability **most commonly involved a parent*** as the subject of allegation



57% of reports about older people involved family members, **mainly adult children** followed by the adult's spouse or partner,* as the subject of allegation



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **older people (OP)** was verbal abuse, financial exploitation, and failure to meet support needs`



The most commonly reported types of abuse towards **adults with disability (AWD)** was verbal abuse, failure to meet support needs, and financial exploitation`

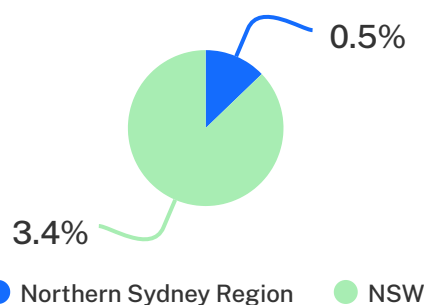
What else do we know about the Northern Sydney Region community?

17% of the population are over the age of 65₁



0.5%

of the population identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander₁



75%

of all households are family households
22% are single person households and **3%** are group households₂

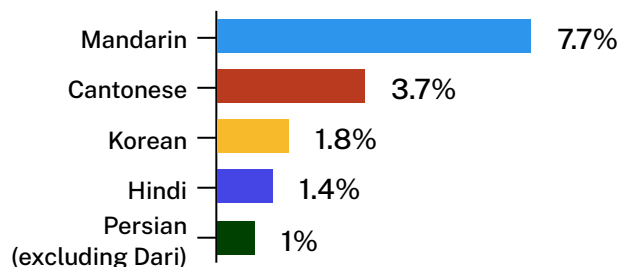


35%

of households speak a language other than English₂



Mandarin is the most common language other than English₂



` The ADC classifies abuse into 5 broad categories, with a list of signs to indicate the type of alleged abuse reported.

₁ 2021 Census data by LGA (QuickStats). Data is a total of LGAs within this region.

₂ 2021 Census QuickStats, where group household refers to unrelated flatmate or co-tenancy arrangements. Data is a total of LGAs within this region.